

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make telephone service -- and especially wireless service -- too expensive for many people of all income levels.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers -- in effect asking those least able to afford the service to bear the bulk of the cost.

With the disappearance of public telephones in many localities, the unavailability of wireless service to middle and low-income families due to high fixed fees poses a serious threat to the well-being of those in need.

I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Sincerely,

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